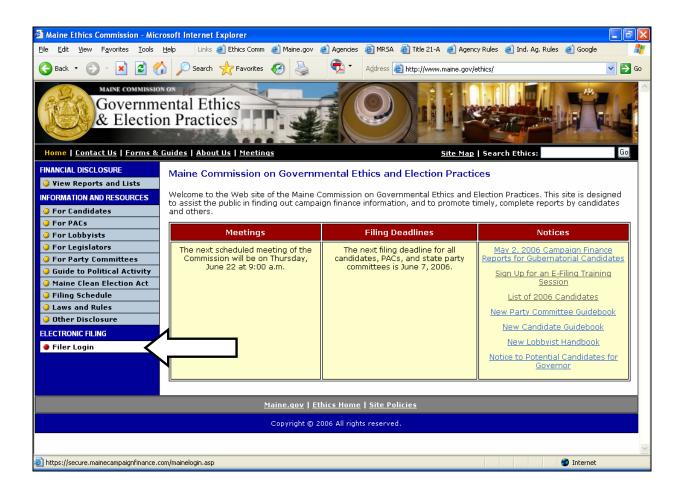
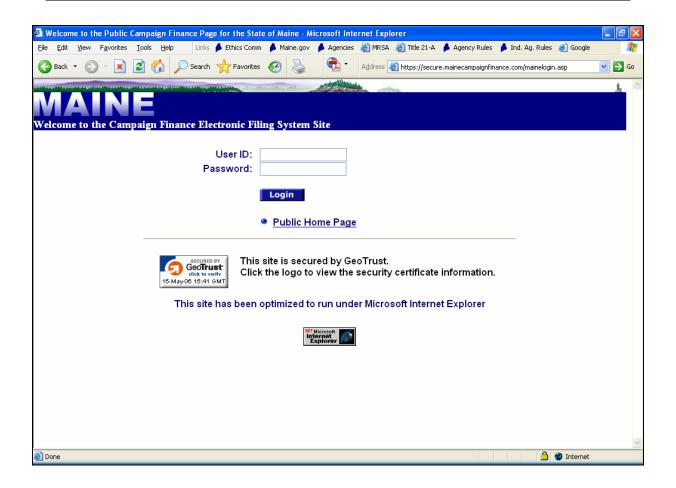
# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE E-FILING SYSTEM

#### Getting to the Commission's Electronic Filing System



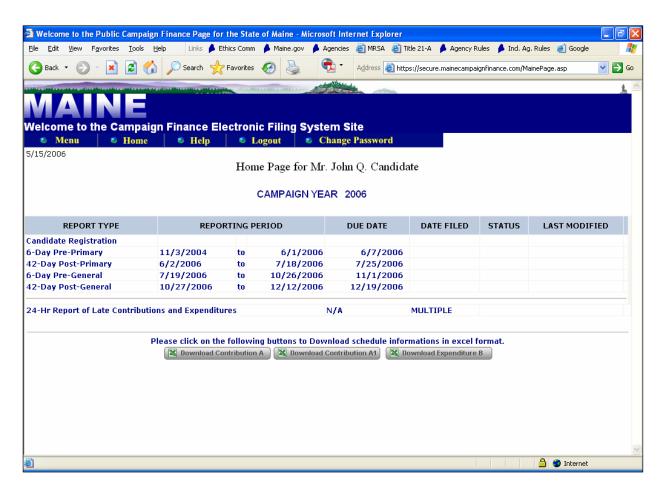
- This page is the Commission's home page, <u>www.maine.gov/ethics</u>. It is your gateway to the e-filing system and to all information, notices, and guides that the Commission publishes.
- 2. To get to the Commission's electronic filing system, click Filer Login at the bottom of the left navigational bar.

#### Logging into the E-Filing System

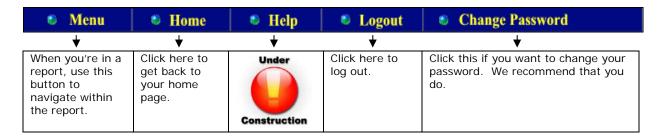


- 1. This is the screen where you will sign in to access your e-filing homepage.
- 2. Type in the candidate user ID and password that we sent you in the mail. These fields are not case sensitive, so it doesn't matter if you type in capital letters or lower case letters.
- 3. The "Public Home Page" link will take you to the public access page where all campaign finance information filed by the candidates, political parties, and PACs can be viewed.

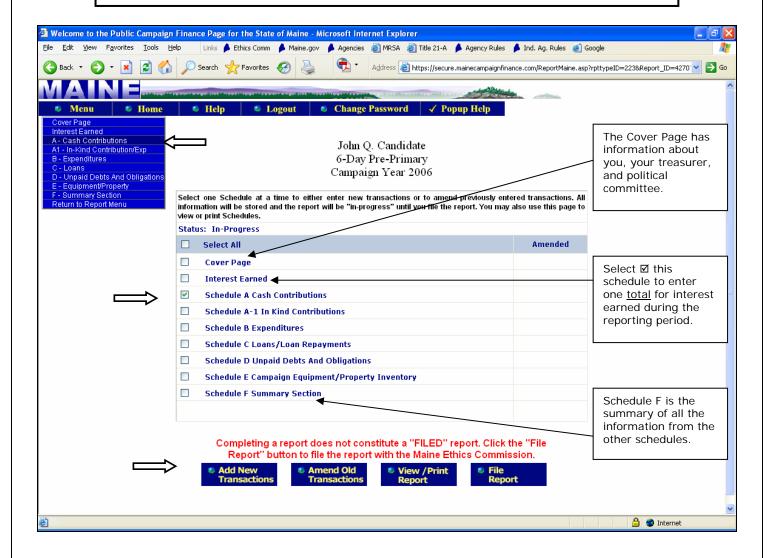
### Your Home Page in the E-Filing System



- 1. This is your homepage. It is your base of operations for accessing and filing your campaign finance reports through the election cycle.
- 2. All the reports that you have to file are listed on this page.
- 3. Use the buttons on the top menu bar to navigate around the e-filing system.

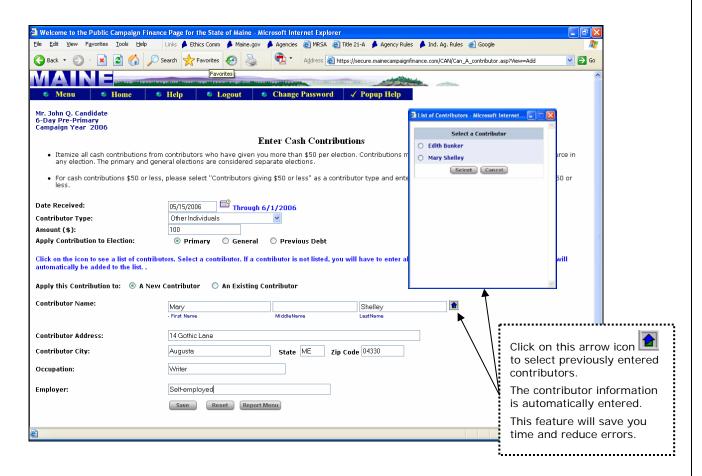


#### The Report Menu



- 1. In the upper left hand corner of the screen you can see the drop down menu for this report. Use this menu to navigate within the report.
- 2. Selecting a schedule from the drop down menu will always bring you to the "Add New Transactions" screen for a schedule.
- 3. You can also check ✓ the box next to the schedule and click Transactions

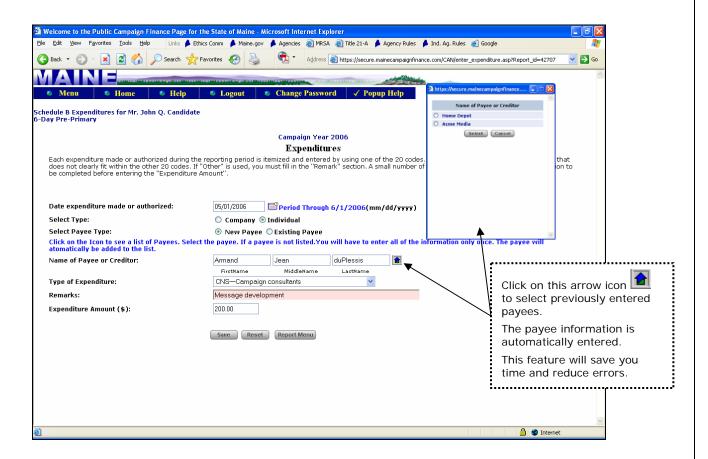
## **Entering Contributions – Schedule A (privately financed candidates only)**



- 1. Enter the date of the contribution. The date to the right is the end date of the reporting period.
- 2. Select the contributor type and enter the amount and information about that contributor.
- 3. When you have finished entering the contribution, click and a new blank contribution screen will appear.

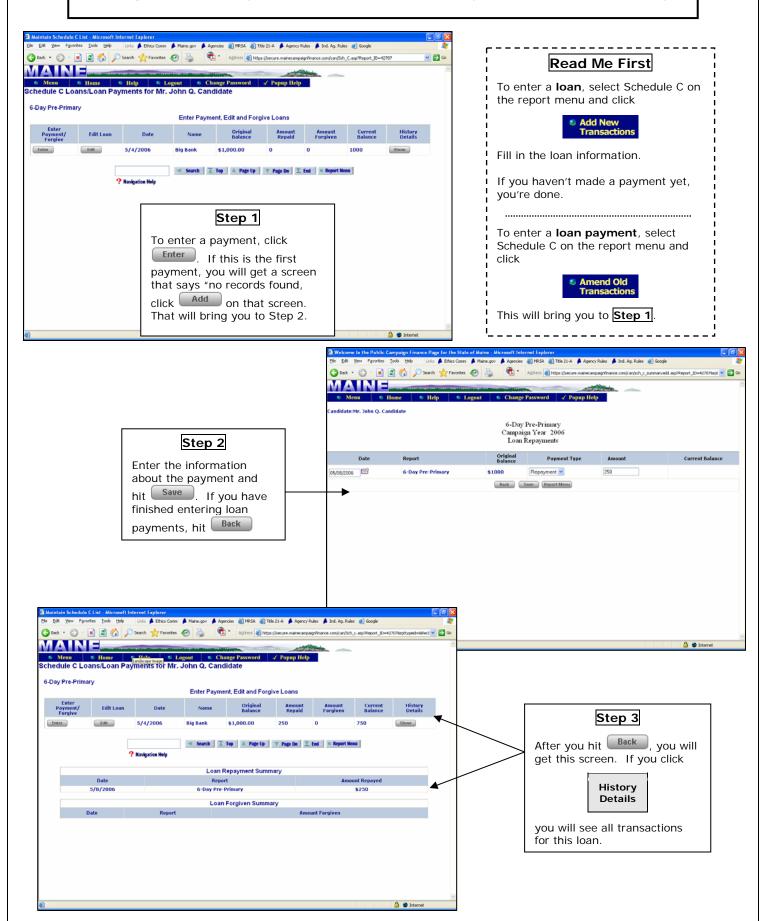
Note: Entering in-kind contributions on Schedule A-1 is similar to entering cash contributions.

#### **Entering Expenditures - Schedule B**

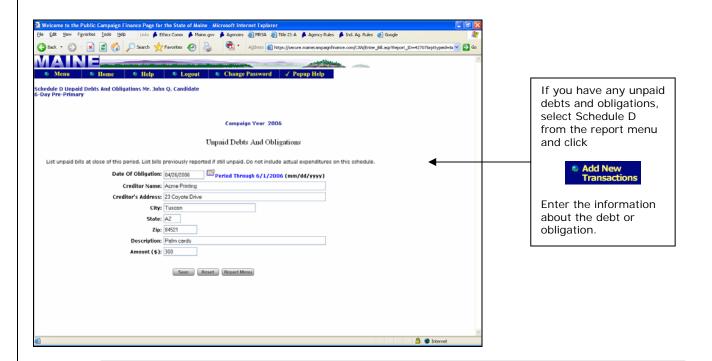


- 1. Enter the date of the expenditure. The date to the right is the end date of the reporting period.
- 2. Select the appropriate buttons to describe the payee and finish entering the information about the expenditure.
- 3. When you have finished entering the expenditure, click and a new blank expenditure screen will appear.

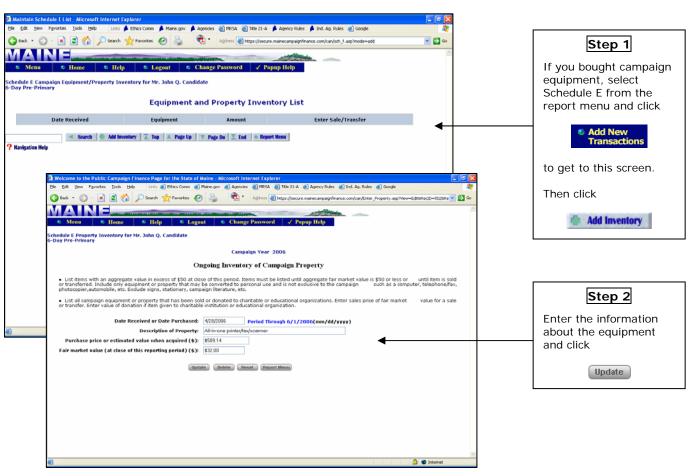
#### Entering Loans and Payments - Schedule C (privately financed candidates only)



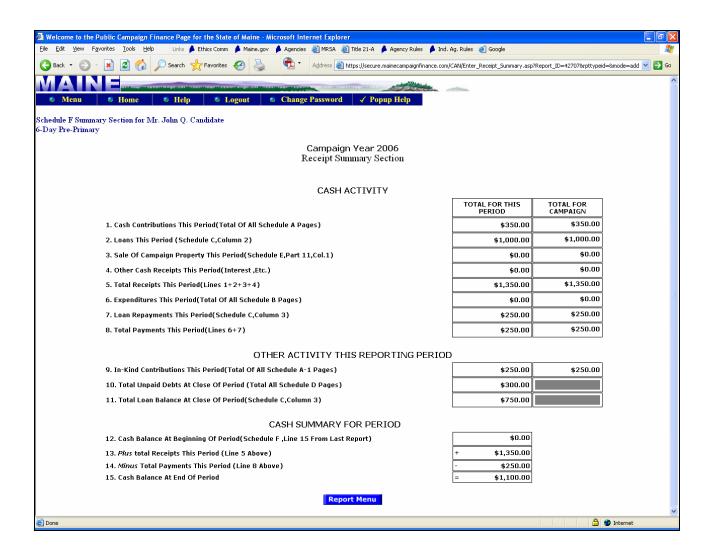
#### **Entering Debts and Obligations - Schedule D**



## **Entering Equipment - Schedule E**

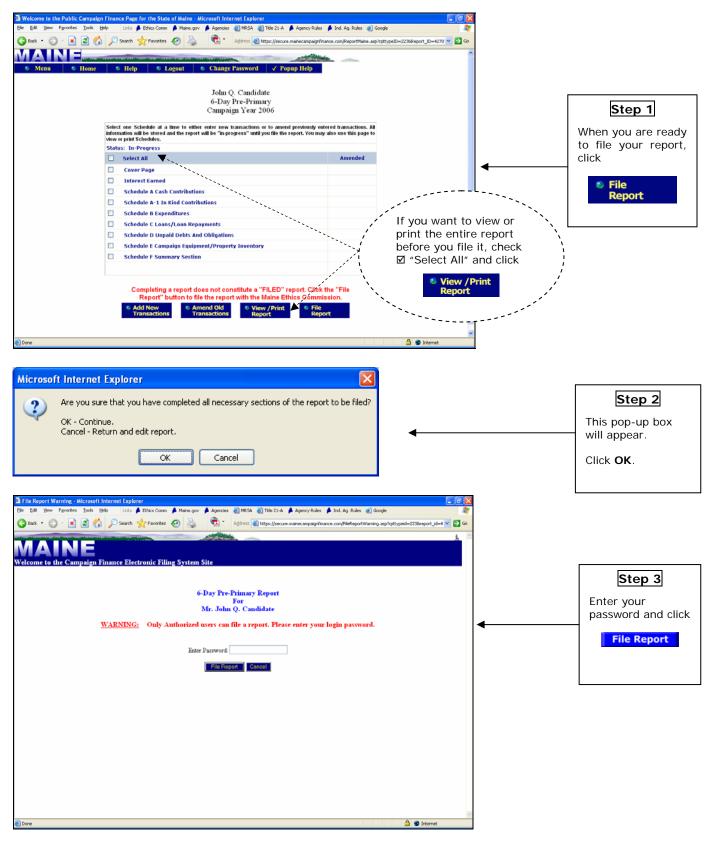


## Reviewing Schedule F - Summary of Campaign Activity

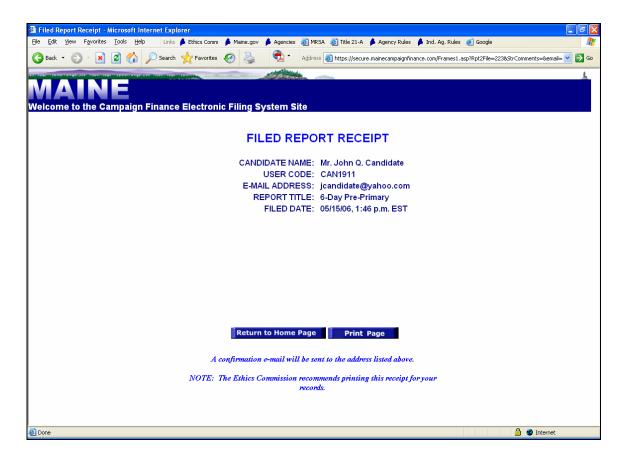


- 1. Before you file your report, review the totals on Schedule F to make sure that they are right.
- 2. Verify that the balance in your campaign account on the last day of the report period matches the cash balance on Schedule F.
- 3. Click on Report Menu.

## **Filing Your Report**



## Verifying That Your Report Has Been Accepted



- 1. This screen is your verification that your report has been filed with the Commission.
- 2. We recommend that you print this page for your records.
- 3. Click Return to Home Page

#### **Return to Your Home Page**

